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**Construction Memorandum**

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Subject: Fence Preparation

The standard special provision for fence preparation was initiated a year ago due to problems with over-clearing occurring in fencing areas. The special provision provides more detail regarding fence preparation requirements and possible permit requirements.

At the time the special provision was initiated, the method of measurement was established by the meter. The intent was that the contours and information available in the contract documents would provide sufficient information to bid this item based on the existing vegetation and terrain. However, there has been inconsistent administration of this item statewide.

Since the original intent of bidding based on the existing vegetation remains, it has been decided to include the cost of the fence preparation in the cost of the fencing items. This revision is going to take effect with the June letting.

If fence preparation is currently shown in any plans, a note indicating "for information only" needs to be added to the summary frame. If fence preparation has not been included, the item can be omitted from the summary frame.

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